

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** (*Diwan Peishkar*).—My enquiry is not yet completed. But the report of the Tahsildar shows that the story of beating is not exact. I think the complaint ought to have been made by the Contractor who is a Muhammadan and who has been called by a name which ought not to have been called. It is the two letters that offended him.

**332. Mr. P. Sankunni Menon** (*Elamkunnappuzha*).—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received a petition dated 4th February 1937, to the Diwan and another petition dated 21st January 1937 to the Tahsildar, Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk, from the public of Bolghatty pointing out the grievances they suffer from the unjust and unfair treatment meted out to them by the Ernakulam-Bolghatty ferry contractor; and if so, what all steps have the Government taken to redress their grievances?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** (*Diwan Peishkar*).—Yes. Enquiries are being made.

**Regarding fall in the number of sheep and goats.**

**333. Mr. A. V. Moothedan** (*Chalakkudi*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) is it not a fact that according to the Administration Report of the Land Revenue Department, the total number of sheep and goats in our State in the year 1110 was 1,33,866;

(b) was not the number for the year 1111, 65,164;

(c) what is the reason for this calamitous fall in the number of sheep and goats in our State last year;

(d) as a result of this, has the price of mutton considerably increased, this year?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** (*Diwan Peishkar*).—(a) The total of 1,33,866 has been wrongly struck for 61,866.

(b) Yes.

(c) and (d) Does not arise in view of answer to (a).

**Rates at which electricity is purchased by Mattancheri and Ernakulam—particulars regarding.**

**334. Mr. A. Narayana Menon** (*Vyttila*).—Will the Government be pleased to state rates at which electricity is